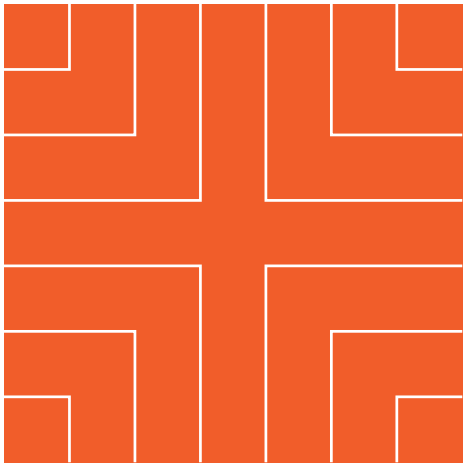


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THE STATE OF THE HOUSE SUMMER 2003


Brickwork continues, looking problems square in the eye and prepping the roof and trellis to be reclad in copper.

In order to stave off future water problems at the study and bedroom thresholds it was decided to remove the east terrace bricks in an attempt to reset them below threshold level with an increased pitch away from the house. As per usual, the task grew in ambition and magnitude. The original slab as it turned out was not sound. It was demoed and since we were starting with somewhat of a clean slate it did not seem out of the question to consider a drainage system designed specifically for the area. At the same time, since a new slab was going to be poured, it was decided to add a missing step down to the garden that appears in many of the house plans.

The problematic bathroom plaster was taken down at the same time that 1970's shower tile was being removed and this revealed some interesting discoveries relating to the features of the original bath room. A squirrel gnawed bathroom window sill was removed, rebuilt and replaced. And up on the roof, the wooden crickets were built up to mate up with the new skylights. Wood framing for Wright's



Newly installed skylight frames.


unrealized design for an integral gutter system was completed so copper cladding could be applied this fall. 

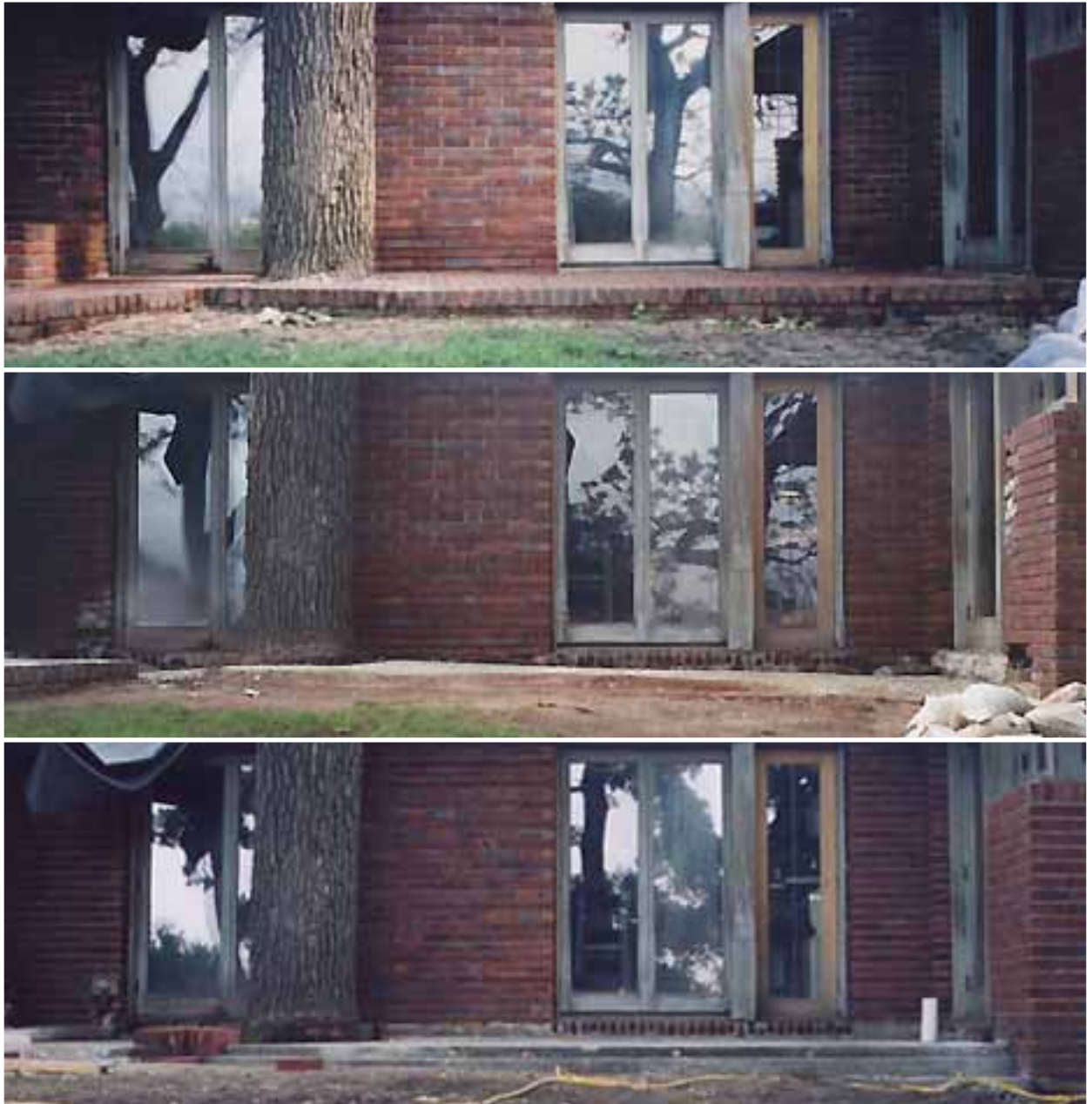
Following is a photo essay on summer restoration accomplishments at the Willey House.



REBUILDING THE BEDROOM TERRACE

Terrace before tear out (top). Slab after tearout (middle). Note the angle of the original slab. It was probably affected by the large Burr Oak growing through the east

terrace. New slab with drainage pipe and the addition of a previously missing step to the garden (bottom). 





TERRACE INSPECTION


Pitch of brick terrace where terrace meets the wall.

Low thresholds allowed water to enter bedrooms. 



STRIPPING BRICKS

Bricks stripped off the terrace show the original slab in poor condition.

All brick removed from east terrace. 



CONCRETE PREPARATION

Photos 1 and 2 show concrete formwork for the new terrace. The drain pipe is visible in photo 3. 





DRAIN TROUGH

Custom made stainless steel drain trough runs in front of study and bedroom doors to diffuse splatter and drain

off standing water. 



POURED SLAB

Step details. 




BATHROOM

Bathroom pre-demo shows 1970's vintage tile.



The shower in this bathroom was not believed to be original. However, the original cement plaster wall under the tile shows the ghost of the shower rod plate.

Plumbing for the shower head was held in place by a wooden brace that appears to be made from a piece of construction scrap. 






NEW SKYLIGHTS

Wood crickets are built up to the height of the new skylights.



Completion of the plywood underlayment on the trellis. 



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